

*Mr. John Beck 75.14 Research Director*

*File - Case Committee*

*Miss Munk -  
Sub-Committee*

**MINUTES OF CASE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 12, 1963**

**Present:** Mr. Schein  
Mr. Cooper  
Mr. Osborne  
Miss Veigt  
Mrs. Rosenberg  
Mrs. Casey  
Mr. Kilduff  
Mr. Al Meyers - guest speaker

At a meeting of the Case Committee held on November 12th, Mr. Al Meyers, coordinator for the agencies in the area of planning for the South Side project discussed the entire undertaking.

This particular project, which is going to study the drop-out problem of children for an 8 year period, originated with Rutgers University and when they found out how big the project was, they began to interest other institutions other than educational, together with social agencies. They approached Mr. Schnyder of the Welfare Federation and as a result Mr. Meyers came on staff as the coordinator for the South Side project for the community agencies. The Welfare Federation pays part of Mr. Meyers' salary and Rutgers pays the other. He is called the Project Director for the Welfare Federation. It is his job to get together with the agencies and to help them in preparing projects of research, the results of which would give a better understanding and knowledge of the people living within this area. All projects must be experimental in nature and must not have been done before. The area involved is really what is commonly known as the Clinton Hill Section. He indicated 16 cities throughout the country are receiving grants and money from the Federal Government and that Newark qualifies.

Recently Mr. Meyers had asked agencies to submit research projects and one that was submitted was the project by Dr. Leontine Young of Child Service Association. The project in brief was to study characteristics of parents that may lead to an eventual breakup of marriage, of families under 30 years of age with a first child.

Family Service Bureau was requested by Mr. Meyers to study the project and to bring it before the Case Committee and eventually to the Board of Trustees of the Agency for the purpose of participating in the project. Mr. Schein, chairman of the Case Committee asked Mr. Meyers what part the Family Service Bureau would play in this and he said he felt the project Dr. Young submitted was something a family agency should be included in. He felt the project needed to be evaluated from our point of competence and that our criticism should be submitted to him and eventually discussed with Dr. Young. He suggested, prior to this we should ask the Research Department of Family Service Association of America to look at the project and give some suggestions and help. It was the consensus of the Case Committee that they would look at the project and give their evaluation to him and to our Board.

Mr. Meyers said this project would not have been undertaken if the money was not forthcoming from the Federal Government or if the project were approved, there would be no outlay of money on any agency's part that participated in it. Mrs. Rosenberg was under the impression that the money was contingent on the entire community participating. Mr. Meyers indicated that this was partially right. However, all agencies may submit their own research plan for consideration and approval. There is no time limit set on when projects should be submitted for the government funds are there to meet any justifiable research project that they consider worthwhile studying.

Mr. Schein asked Mr. Meyers if Dr. Young would accept criticism or changes in her report. Mr. Meyers felt she would be amenable to change because she submitted it for criticism to our agency through him. It was suggested by Mr. Schein that we invite Miss Merta and Dr. Beck to the next meeting of our Case Committee, which will be held on the second Tuesday in December - December 10 - and Mr. Kilduff was directed to send a copy of this project to FSAA prior to this date so that they may study it and be ready to discuss it in its entirety at this meeting.

(Mrs) Peggy Casey